

## Message Text

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TO FAA WASHDC

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1543

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FAA/W FOR AIA-230

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BEXP, VE

SUBJ: FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/PASSENGER BOARDING RBIDGES

REF: FAA/W MARCH 7, 1978

1. VICENTINI REGRETS DECISION MADE BY FAA REGARDING TRIALS OF MOBILE LOUNGES. IN FACT, THE EQUIPMENT TO BE TESTED WERE NOT BOARDING BRIDGES BUT A NEW TYPE OF MOBILE LOUNGE WITH HYDRAULIC LIFTING MECHANISM INSTEAD OF ELECTROMECHANICAL.

2. VICENTINI ON BEHALF OF GOV WOULD APPRECIATE FAA'S RECONSIDERING DECISION. GOV DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRE FAA CERTIFICATION OR EVEN OPINION OF EQUIPMENT BUT WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH A REPORT ON EQUIPMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN ACTUAL USE. INVOLVED IS A POTENTIAL SALE OF EIGHT SUCH UNITS TO VENEZUELA. ALSO, VICENTINI HAS RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH WOULD AWAIT REPORTS ON PERFORMANCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT IN VENEZUELA BEFORE ORDERING UNITS FROM BUDD, GOV WILL NOT BUY PROTOTYPE EQUIPMENT UNLESS TESTED IN ACTUAL USE.

3. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT VICENTINI CONTACT NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY IN THIS RESPECT IN CASE FAA'S DECISION CONTINUES NEGATIVE.  
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FAA'S REPUTATION IN THIS COUNTRY IS SUCH, HOWEVER, THAT GOV HAS INSTRUCTED VICENTINI TO OBTAIN PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM AN FAA MANAGED AIRPORT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.  
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